

Appl. No. 10/067,185

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A record of the interview conducted on September 12, 2005, is enclosed as Exhibit A.

The applicants have amended the claims in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 61 have been amended to add a limitation indicating that the islet processing solution contains a digestive enzyme (in the instance of claim 1, to be consistent with dependent claims 31-34).

Typographic errors in claims 36 and 76 are corrected.

The Examiner and the applicant have agreed that independent claims 1, 61, 80 and 82 contain limitations that are not taught by the prior art. Specifically, the art does not recognize the need to actively control all of the following parameters as called for by the claims: "a flowrate, . . . a dissolved oxygen concentration, . . . an antibiotic concentration" It is agreed that the art teaches batch processing during which these parameters are not controlled. For this reason, those claims and the claims that depend from them are patentable.

How to handle the withdrawn claims was not discussed. Withdrawn apparatus claim 76 is referred to in dependent method claim 80 and contains the same limitations to a unique combination of components that render method claim 82 patentable. For this reason, applicant

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requests that linked independent claim 76 and the claims that depend from it (claims 77-79) also be allowed.

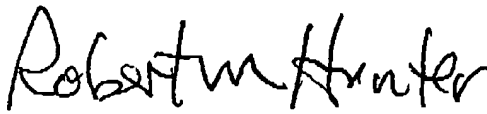
Similarly, withdrawn apparatus claim 83 is linked to method claim 82 in that claim 83 recites a means for each step in claim 83. For this reason, the applicants request that linked claim 83 be allowed.

If the undersigned has misunderstood any of the Examiner's positions, the Examiner is requested to please call him at 808-885-4194 to finalize the case. It is six hours earlier here this time of year.

Based on the above showings, the applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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